



# The Mountain Flyer

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Cadets complete the 2008 Civil Air Patrol West Virginia Wing Cadet Summer Encampment with a pass and review ceremony held at Camp Dawson, near Kingwood, W.Va.

## 92 cadets finish Wing Summer Encampment

**By Lt Col Dennis Barron  
Encampment Commander**

The Civil Air Patrol West Virginia Wing completed another highly successful cadet summer encampment over the summer.

92 cadets gathered at the West Virginia Army National Guard Training Facility at Camp Dawson near Kingwood, W.Va.

Out of state cadets were from Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Delaware, and Maryland. More importantly, the encampment was completed safely without any incidents.

The cadets who attended were very well behaved and seemed to really enjoy the week. The pass and review parade at the end of encampment is always a very impressive display of our cadet cadre. All the cadets get to "strut their stuff" before their parents, relatives, friends, and other CAP members.

The graduation ceremony following

the pass and review was a standing room only event.

Cadets were recognized during the graduation for their superior efforts during the encampment. Receiving special recognition at the encampment were: **Outstanding Cadet Officer:**

C/2Lt Rayanne Wolfe of Morgantown Composite Squadron; **Outstanding**

**NCO:** C/CMSgt Joel Lyons of Martinsburg Composite Squadron;

**Outstanding Cadet:** C/CMSgt Brian Kruchkow of Beckley Composite

Squadron; **Distinguished Graduates:** C/SMSgt Alex Graley of Mid Valley

Composite Squadron; C/TSgt Michael Chaney of Beckley Composite

Squadron; C/CMSgt Colin Winkie of Clarksburg Composite Squadron;

C/SMSgt Ryan Thomas of

Parkersburg Composite Squadron; **1<sup>st</sup>**

**Place in Drill Competition:** C/CMSgt Brian Kruchkow of Beckley

Composite Squadron; **Commander of**

**Honor Flight:** C/1Lt Chris Frey of

Martinsburg Squadron - Alpha Flight

### Wing Calendar

- December 15 - Wreaths Across America Ceremonies - Grafton and Charleston, W.Va.
- February 2009 - Wing Cadet Competition - Tentatively scheduled at Buckhannon-Upshur High School

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## Wreaths Across America Ceremony to be held in two West Virginia cities

**By Major Jeffery Schrock  
Wing Public Affairs Officer**

Veteran memorials and gravesites across the nation will be adorned with remembrance wreaths on Dec. 15. in stirring, solemn tributes to the courage and sacrifice of those who have guarded and preserved our nation's freedom throughout history. Through Wreaths Across America, Civil Air Patrol joins with Worcester Wreath Co. of Harrington, Maine, in remembering our nation's departed veterans.

CAP units across the country will help take the lead in the 280 observances this year, and will participate with

other color and honor guards. All Wreath Across America participants nationwide will adorn veterans' graves with remembrance wreaths concurrently with the Arlington celebration at noon (EST).

The Charleston Cadet Squadron has the privilege of bringing the Wreaths Across America project to Charleston, W.Va. Spring Hill Cemetery Park located on Farnsworth Drive has been selected as one of the 280 plus locations. The Morgantown and Clarksburg Composite Squadrons will continue the ceremonies held at the W.Va. National Cemetery in Grafton, W.Va.

## Wing Public Affairs earns Award of Excellence during 2008 Public Affairs Officer Academy

Public Affairs Officers from Maryland, National Capital, South Carolina, and West Virginia Wings joined other Civil Air Patrol public affairs officers from across the nation for the 2008 CAP Public Affairs Officer Academy at the Gaylord Palms in Kissimmee, FL on Aug. 5-6.

The academy featured seminars on media relations, crisis communication, public relations planning, writing and more. Among the high-profile speakers was CNN correspondent Miles O'Brien. O'Brien has covered high profiled stories such as CAP's month long search in 2007 for adventurer Steve Fossett, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and the loss of Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003.

The event also included the presentation of the Maj. Howell Balsem CAP Public Affairs Exceptional Achievement Awards to PAOs for outstanding performance in a variety of categories.

Major Jeffery Schrock, West Virginia Wing Public Affairs Officer received an award of excellence during the ceremony. "2007 History in Pictures" was one of the winning entries selected for slideshow or power point presentations.

"CAP's 900 PAOs across America work tirelessly to help the communities we serve understand who we are and what we do," said Major Gen. Amy S. Courter, CAP National Commander.

"Professional development opportunities such as this one ensure that CAP members have the resources and the skills to reach their full potential as volunteers." Pictures from the 2008 PAO Academy can be seen at [www.capchannel.com](http://www.capchannel.com)

The next academy is scheduled for 2010 in San Diego, Ca.



Civil Air Patrol National Commander Major Gen Amy Courter, Major Jeffery Schrock, WV Wing PAO, and CNN correspondent Miles O'Brien

## Charleston cadets hone emergency services skills

**By Major Debbie Boggs  
Charleston Cadet Sqdn PAO**

Seven local teens from the Charleston Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol West Virginia Wing were among about 500 CAP members who were enhancing their skills at the National Emergency Services Academy, a multidisciplinary training program held July 26-Aug. 9 at Camp Atterbury, a 35,000-acre Indiana National Guard Facility in Edinburgh, Indiana. Now that these dedicated young people have completed their search and rescue ground team training, they will join the squadron's search and rescue ground team. Three members came away with advanced credentials: Andrew Moss of St. Albans, W.Va.; Andrew Eads of Cross Lanes, W.Va.; and Joseph Hoover of Belle, W.Va. Completing the basic training were: Kylie Eads of Cross Lanes, W.Va.; Christopher and Carl Compton, and Brad Berry all of Pinch, W.Va.

National Ground Search and Rescue School provides members the skills they need to expertly perform ground searches. CAP members put these skills to good use. CAP performs 90 percent of all inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. In fiscal year 2007, CAP was credited with 103 saves with one in West Virginia.



## Cadets assist balloons soar over Charleston Regatta

**By Major Debbie Boggs  
Charleston Cadet Sqdn PAO**

Members of the Charleston Cadet Squadron supplied volunteer ground support August 29 for the Charleston Regatta's annual Night Glow and Hot Air Balloon Race, assisting balloon owners with setup, and then helping safely maintain the surrounding area. The squadron's cadets provide the service annually, but by no means is it all work and no play. They received some interesting aerospace education during the course of the event, and some even tethered rides over Magic Island.



(From left) Cadets Christopher Jones, Brad Berry and Charles Jones all enjoy a bird's-eye view of Magic Island from a hot-air balloon they helped set up for launch. **Photo by Major Vickie Bond**

## Webster County Flight aiming for squadron status

Over the past six months, several young people decided to make the commitment of joining Civil Air Patrol in hopes of forming a squadron in Webster County.

Each Monday night, they faithfully travel two hours from Webster Springs to attend Clarksburg Composite Squadron meetings. They received their CAP uniforms, and have completed their first achievement, earning the Gen. J.F. Curry Award and attaining the rank of cadet airman.

The Webster County Flight's eight members including five active cadets, and is now aiming to attain squadron status. In June, two of the cadets, Calib Cool and Colt Clutter received recognition for attending the West Virginia Wing Summer Encampment at Camp Dawson. They came home from the weeklong encampment with many stories of flying in airplanes, shooting virtual grenade launchers and learning a lot about land and water survival, and search and rescue.

In July, Calib and another cadet James Hanna attended the largest air show in the world – Oshkosh AirVenture 2008, in Oshkosh, Wisc. On returning they shared stories of aircraft exhibitions, riding in helicopters and meeting celebrities like actor Harrison Ford.

Locally, the cadets have been meeting, learning about airplanes and search and rescue, and performing community services like cleaning graffiti from road signs.

"Our kids have few activities to keep them out of trouble," said Senior Officer Tony Hamrick. "thus leading to drugs, crime and vandalism. The Civil Air Patrol offers a fun, exciting, and very rewarding program for our youth. I have really enjoyed watching these young men grow. I am impressed with their dedication and enthusiasm."

## Martinsburg Squadron holds awards ceremony

**By Capt Russell Voelker**  
**Martinsburg Composite Squadron PAO**

On July 1, the auditorium at the 167th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia Air National Guard was the scene of an awards ceremony for the Martinsburg Composite Squadron. WV State Senator John Unger presented Cadet Lt Col Mark Guiney and Cadet Lt Col David Hill with the **Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award** for completing Phase IV (the Executive Phase) of the cadet program.

The Eaker Award is designed to recognize high-level leadership experiences. Captain Gary Gourley received the **Benjamin O. Davis Award**, which recognizes those officers who complete Level Two of the Senior Member Professional Development Program.

It also recognizes members who have dedicated themselves to leadership and personal development in Civil Air Patrol.



WV State Senator Jon Unger presents Cadet Lt Col Mark Guiney the Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award



Cadet Lt Col David Hill and Cadet Lt Col Mark Guiney with their awards

**Photos by Capt Russell Voelker**



## Martinsburg Squadron awards ceremony



Benjamin O Davis Award: Capt Gary Gourley



Veterans of Foreign Wars Award: Cadet Lt Col David Hill, Cadet CMSgt Jennifer Kroening and VFW Member Paul Arvin



Air Force Sergeants Award: Cadet CMSgt Jonah Rock, Ed and Robert Dana



Air Force Association Award: Martinsburg Squadron Commander Lt Col Robert Mills, Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Christopher Frey, and Capt Melissa Shade West Virginia Air National Guard 167th Airlift Wing



WV State Senator John Unger (left) presents Martinsburg Squadron Commander, Lt Col Robert Mills with a \$50,000 Community Partnership Grant certificate



## Wheeling Squadron conducts first-aid training



1Lt. James Stevenson (Certified Red Cross Instructor) teaches Wheeling Composite Squadron members CPR during its regular scheduled meeting. Cadets Steven Powell and Patrick Graham are shown demonstrating the lessons learned.

Photos by Capt George Dragonir Wheeling Composite Squadron PAO

## Martinsburg Squadron assists at air show promotes CAP and DDR

**By Capt Russell Voelker  
Martinsburg Composite Sqdn PAO**

When spectacular weather brought out an estimated 40,000 people Sept 20-21 to the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport for the Spirit of America over Martinsburg Air Show, Martinsburg Composite Squadron members were waiting to not only assist the crowds, but also to promote Civil Air Patrol and its Drug Demand Reduction campaign.

21 senior officers and 13 cadets spent most of their weekend parking thousands of cars during the air show. The squadron received a lot of compliments for its efficient, rapid handling of the traffic into the airport grounds on both days.

The unit also manned a recruiting and DDR booth throughout the air show. About 1,000 people visited the booth and aircraft display, which featured the squadron's Cessna 182-T, and a restored 1940 Stinson CAP aircraft. On display as well was the DDR truck, a specialty marked vehicle provided by

Lt Col Jett Mayhew, Civil Air Patrol's DDR national director, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Walter Murphy, assistant DDR coordinator for the Middle East Region.

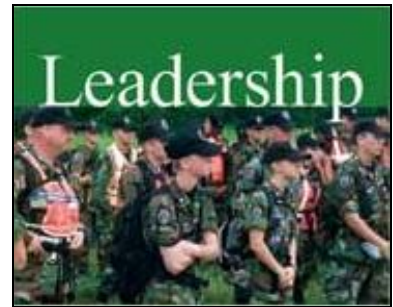
"The community was very receptive to the Martinsburg Squadron booth that included DDR printed materials and activities, as well as photos and print material on the squadron's history from 1943 to the present," Murphy said.

"The parents and children alike thanked us for providing this service." The DDR display included several fatal vision goggles activities to simulate the effects of various levels of alcohol consumption on perception and reaction.

The air show featured a number of aircraft on display. Performing acts included a P-51, P-40, several stunt aircraft, wing walkers, and a U.S Air Force F-16. Between shows a few of the Martinsburg cadets were able to talk with a couple of stunt pilots who were former CAP members.



Top Photo: Some of the sights at the Spirit of America over Martinsburg Air Show. Bottom Photo: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Walter Murphy, assistant Drug Demand Reduction coordinator for the Middle East Region guides a child through a Fatal Vision Goggles exercise. **Photos by Capt Russell Voelker**



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